

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN TOURISM IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Assam and other North Eastern (NE) States, have come up with a proposal for a Public-Private partnership for setting up an international tourist destination in the heart of Bodoland, with a five star hotel-cum-casino in Gangtok and a result-cum-golf course-cum airstrip in Arunachal Pradesh with infrastructure development in the NE;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals and the response of the private sector for such participation; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c): The development and promotion of tourism is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territories themselves. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure on the basis of project proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories under the following schemes:

(i) Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits

(ii) Large Revenue Generating Projects

Proposals which are complete in all respect as per guidelines are processed on inter-se priority basis and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

No proposal has been submitted by the Government of Assam or other North Eastern (NE) States, for a Public-Private partnership for setting up an international tourist destination in the heart of Bodoland, with a five star hotel-cum-casino in Gangtok. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has forwarded proposals regarding a golf resort and air connectivity. However, these proposals could not be sanctioned as the required documents such as detailed project reports and source of funding by public financial institutions, etc. have not been submitted.

Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned projects to the tune of Rs.392,04.64 lakh in the Tenth Plan and Rs.227,44.31 lakh in the year 2007-08 for development and promotion of tourism in the North Eastern Region.